

Ashland Public Safety Building Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021

Members Present: Vin Alfano, Jenn Ball, Peter Chisholm, Mike Herbert, Joe Magnani, Steve Mitchell, Keith Robie

Member Absent: Brett Walker

Other Participants: Paul Carpenter (Ashland), Jon Lemieux (Vertex), Bill Nangle (Vertex), Jane Slemenda (HKT), Amy Dunlap (HKT), Paula Claridge (HKT)

Chair Joe Magnani called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM

A) Meeting minutes from March 16, 2021 were reviewed and approved as presented. Motion by Herbert, 2nd by Alfano. Motion passed 7-0-1 Absent. Yes: Alfano, Ball, Chisholm, Herbert, Magnani, Mitchell, Robie).

B) Update on Construction Progress:

Jon Lemieux (Vertex) and Bill Nangle (Vertex) provided a review of the 1st Vertex Monthly Progress Report. Jon described the components of the monthly report that includes sections for a construction summary, status of payment requisitions, potential damages, schedule update (3 week look-ahead), construction activity and workforce information, change orders and proposal requests, issues and concerns, and site documentation (photos). The monthly reports will be submitted to the Committee prior to our regular scheduled monthly meeting.

Bill discussed photographic site and construction documentation and the finding of unsuitable soils in a section of the site, soils that contain substantive amounts of loose and/or organic soils.

The Committee discussed the use of suitable soils excavated elsewhere on site to replace the section with unsuitable soil. Bill explained that existing suitable soil from the site has been tested and determined to be suitable for re-use. The amount of on-site re-used soil is to be determined.

The Committee next discussed site blasting. Jon reviewed pre-blast meeting to layout the process. Maine Drilling & Blasting is the selected contractor and has submitted a blasting plan to the Fire Department. A pre-blast survey is on-going. Regulations require that structures within 250' be surveyed prior to blasting. The Town has requested that the surveys extend out to 300', which would include all the homes on East Union Street nearest the PSB site. The Committee reviewed (2) videos of blasting examples. Blasting is anticipated to begin in mid-May and continue for approximately 4 weeks, based on 2 blasts per day. Blasting will be coordinated with the morning and afternoon Ashland High School schedule.

Bill discussed the potential change order to repair the stone wall damaged during tree removal. Three options are being evaluated and will be presented to the Committee.

C) The Committee discussed the construction site signage. Paula (HKT) provided a sample as requested by the Committee at the 3-16-21 meeting. A motion to approve the signage as presented by Mitchell, 2nd by Herbert. Motion passed 8-0-1 Absent. Yes: Alfano, Ball, Chisholm, Herbert, Magnani, Mitchell, Robie).

The Committee discussed a date for a groundbreaking ceremony and considered a possible coordination with the installation the site signage depending on the delivery time and the blasting schedule. The Committee deferred a decision to next meeting.

There was a brief discussion about flooring in the Fire Department living quarters section which was deferred to next meeting.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2021, 3 PM

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:10 PM by Mitchell, 2nd by Chisholm. Motion passed 7-0-1 Absent (Yes: Alfano, Ball, Chisholm, Herbert, Magnani, Mitchell, Robie).

Submitted by: Steve Mitchell (4-14-21)

Meeting Materials/Documents: